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April 20, 2004

Mr. Larry Johnston
Mono County Planning Department
P. O. Box 347
Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

File: 09-MNO
NOP/SCOPING
SCH #: 2004042063

Dear Mr. Johnston:

**Intrawest Rodeo Grounds Specific Plan – Notice of Preparation Draft
Environmental Impact Report (NOP DEIR) and Scoping (April 2004)**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) appreciates the opportunity to comment during the Scoping Phase for the June Lake Rodeo Grounds Development. To ensure the safe mobility of the public and Level of Service for state highway facilities in the June Lake area, the following items need to be addressed in the project EIR:

- A full Traffic Impact Study (TIS) will be required to address this project, along with cumulative impacts for all past and proposed future development that may impact transportation. The Department, as the responsible agency for transportation, will review the TIS to determine adequacy of the proposed mitigation for State Route (SR) 158, and if additional right-of-way would be needed. Safe crossings for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, any emergency access points at SR 158, and parking restrictions need to be determined. The TIS will also consider improvements that may be appropriate for the eastern connection of North Shore Drive and SR 158, based on the predicted increase of traffic volumes. The scenario of SR 158 closure due to both scheduled winter closure and avalanche control also needs to be analyzed.
- The intersection of SR 158 with North Shore Drive and the June Lake Ski Area parking lot needs to be addressed as noted above, and also due to the fact that the encroachment permit issued to Mono County for North Shore Drive (Enclosure A) dated May 8, 1996 required this. It states "The ski area has agreed to realignment of their driveway to facilitate an operable, functional intersection." Although a 4-way aligned intersection was envisioned, a roundabout could be considered.
- The above referenced permit also states "the County of Mono will participate in traffic studies after the road is open to determine if any needed improvements (left-turn pockets, etc.) are required." Hence, Mono County could have some responsibility for this intersection in addition to that of the project proponent.

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- An increase in transit services should be considered. Transit shelters along SR 158 should be placed, operated, and maintained by the county or local service district under encroachment permit.
- Safety, clearance, and encroachment permit issues need to be examined if an aerial lift is proposed to cross over SR 158.
- Snow storage and impacts to state highway snow removal operations should be addressed.
- The project proponent should be aware that an approved State Water Pollution Plan must be submitted to the Department prior to approval of any encroachment permit.
- Although not officially designated, SR 158 is eligible for State Scenic Highway status. Project layout and design should take this into consideration
- Collection of Fair Share Mitigation Fees could be considered for impacts to wetland areas, habitat fragmentation, transit services, etc.
- Please note the inconsistency between Exhibit D and Exhibit B regarding an access point to SR 158, easterly of the North Shore Drive junction.

Please continue to interact with us as environmental studies progress on this proposed project. If you have any questions, I may be contacted at (760) 872-0785. We value a cooperative working relationship in matters concerning the community of June Lake.

Sincerely,



GAYLE J. ROSANDER
IGR/CEQA Coordinator

Enclosure

- c Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse
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ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

in compliance with (check one):

☒ Your application of March 27, 1996

Utility Notice No. _____ of _____

Agreement No. _____ of _____

R/W Contract No. _____ of _____

Project No.	
33-074-001	
Project Name	
09-1980-108	
Date	
May 8, 1996	
For Use	Project
5. Eminent	5
6. Other	
7. Other	
8. Other	
9. Other	
10. Other	

TO:

COUNTY OF MONO
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Bridgeport, CA 93517

ATTN: John Beck

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PERMITTEE

and subject to the following, PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO:

Construct and maintain the intersection of Hwy. 358 and the alternate access road around June Lake. The intersection is near the June Mountain Ski Area. The ski area has agreed to realignment of their driveway to facilitate an operable, functional intersection.

All work shall be done in accordance with Caltrans' Standard Specifications and Standard Plans dated 1992.

It is understood between parties to this permit that the County of Mono will participate in traffic studies after the road is open to determine if any needed improvements (left-turn pockets, etc.) are required.

(Continued)

The following attachments are also included as part of this permit.
(Check applicable):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	General Provisions
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Utility Maintenance Provisions
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Special Provisions
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	A Cal-OTHA permit required prior to beginning work;

In addition to the fee payment will be billed actual costs for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Inspection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Field Work

(If any Caltrans effort expended)

☒ Yes ☐ No The information in the environmental documentation has been reviewed and coordinated prior to approval of this permit.

This permit is void unless the work is completed before OCTOBER 31, 1996.

This permit is to be strictly monitored and no other work other than specifically mentioned is hereby authorized.

No project work shall be commenced until all other necessary permits and/or approvals have been obtained.

BY COUNTY ☒

PERMIT FILE

MAINT SUPPLEMENT

BY DATE

Randell H. Iwanski, District Director

BY:

R. E. Conner
Jerry Gabriel, District Permit Engineer